
O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Forest Green

Words
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Music
Ralph Vaughan Williams
With a choir version for verse 1
arranged by R. Mather

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O Little Town Of Bethlehem

(Forest Green) Choir Verse 1 arranged by R.Mather.
 Congregational Version Ralph Vaughan Williams.

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Choir version for verse 1. *Optional solo from bar 1; Duet from bar 8; Full choir or quartet from bar 12.*

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem how still we see thee
 lie! A - bove thy deep and dream less sleep the
 si - lent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets
 shi - - - neth the ev - er - last - ing light. The
 hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.

Congregational Version.

Sometimes verse 2 is as printed in italics.

17 *NB The italics version of verse 2 interchanges the first half of the stanza with the 2nd half. See non-italics version.

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem how still we see thee
 2. O morn - ing stars to - ge - ther pro - claim the ho - ly
Alt.2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry and ga - thered all a -
 3. How si - lent - ly! how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is
 4. Where child - ren pure and ha - py pray to the bless - ed
 5. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem de - cend to us we

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lie! A - bove thy deep and dream - less__ sleep the
 birth, and prai - ses sing to God__ the__ King, and
bove While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels__ keep their
 giv'n! So God im - parts to hu - man__ hearts the
 child where mi - se - ry cries out__ to__ thee, Son
 pray cast out our sin and en - ter__ in, be

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si - lent__ stars go by. Yet__ in thy dark__ streets
 peace to__ men on earth; for__ Christ is born__ of__
watch of__ won - d'ring love. O morn - ing stars__ to__
 bless - ings__ of his heav'n. No__ ear may hear__ his
 of the__ mo - ther mild where char - i - ty__ stands
 born in__ us to - day we__ hear the Christ - mas

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shi - neth the ev - er - last - ing light. The
 Ma - ry, and ga - thered all a - bove. While
ge - ther pro - claim the ho - ly birth, and
 com - ing; but in this world of sin, where
 watch - ing, and faith holds wide the door, the
 an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell, O

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hopes and fears of all__ the__ years are met in__ thee to - night.
 mor - tals sleep the an - gels__ keep their watch of__ won - d'ring love.
prais - es sing to God the__ King and peace to men on earth.
 meek souls will re - ceive him. Still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 dark nightwakes, the glo - ry__ breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
 come to us a - bide with us our Lord Em - ma - nu - el.